

BORG BLASTS WARNING TO BOURNEMOUTH

- BOURNEMOUTH beware! That is the message Mike Keen's men sent over loud and clear with their 2-0 Berger Isthmian League win over Barking on Saturday.

The two second half goals may have come from the penalty spot, but Wycombe were well worth their first victory in five meetings with Barking, who started well before being over-run.

With the exception of Chris Way, playing in place of Gary Lester who was suffering from the tail end of a bout of 'flu, the team which started on Saturday will more than likely be the one to face Bournemouth in the cup — barring any injuries from tonight's Berks and Bucks Senior Cup match with Aylesbury.

Tony Price, who must be playing some of the best football of his life at present, was outstanding in spells, while Terry Glynn, who looked strangely off colour to start with, had returned to his normal enthusiastic self by the end of the first half.

But for me the man of the match was Bobby Dell. He picked up almost every loose ball in midfield, chased back into defence when necessary, and was in the attack at the right times.

Corners

It was Dell who sparked the Wycombe revival in the last 15 minutes of the first half. Barking looked the more eager side for the opening half an hour and had left Wycombe chasing shadows.

Blues forced a series of corners which seemed to stem the flow of Barking attacks and then Glynn won another.

Price's kick from the right was met by Dell who headed powerfully goalward. But with the keeper beaten Gary Anderson headed off the line and back to Dell, who in his eagerness to score put the ball over the bar.

In the second half Wycombe came out looking like they believed victory was inevitable. They were rewarded for their efforts in the 55th minute.

Paul Birdseye, who has recently taken a liking to ven-

turing into opponents' penalty areas, made another searing run before laying the ball off to Price.

He saw his shot-cum-cross from the narrowest of angles handled onto the outside of the near post by David Campbell. The ball could well have found the net, and the referee Mr Buksh, who controlled the match extremely well, had no hesitation in pointing to the spot.

Handball

From there George Borg sent the ball to the goalkeeper's left and Wycombe into the lead.

From there on, it was nearly all Wycombe. Glynn ran on powerfully to hit a through ball over and Long

went through a posse of players before seeing his shot rebound to Price who blasted over.

As if one handball was not enough Barking gave away a second, even more blatant than the first. This time Bob Makin was the guilty party.

The ball did not hit him — he threw himself full length to stop Long's cross. It was totally unnecessary since the defence were back covering — so Wycombe did not complain too loudly.

Borg once again stepped up to the kick, and this time put the ball slightly left of centre and past the keeper.

Barking could have pulled one back five minutes later when, in the 76th minute, Nicky Ironton beat Chris Way, only to see Paul

Birdseye clear off the line.

Jimmy Jacobs should have made more of a gift chance in the 80th minute, but with the goal at his mercy, fired well over. Then in the closing minutes Price looked set to score the goal he deserved, but having beaten the goalkeeper shot against the outside of the near post.

Glynn also seemed about to make it 3-0, but his shot was headed off the line by Makin just before the referee blew his final whistle.

WYCOMBE: C. Way, P. Birdseye, G. Borg, B. Davies, S. Hardwick, B. Dell, S. Long, J. Jacobs, T. Glynn, T. Price, M. Hoffield. Sub: G. Toll (not used).

BARKING: B. Blake, G. Anderson, B. Makin, D. Campbell, M. Davy, M. Edwards (sub S. Scudder 68 mins), P. Hunt, N. Ironton, J. Bates, B. Key, T. Dormer.

Referee: Mr A. Buksh (Dollis Hill).

Attendance: 850.
Half-time: 0-0. **Wycombe:** Borg 55, 71 (2 pens).

Senior Cup tie is in doubt

WYCOMBE'S second round Berks and Bucks Senior Cup tie at home to Aylesbury United tonight (Tuesday) is in doubt after more heavy rain over the weekend.

The Loakes Park pitch was distinctly the worse for wear following Saturday's match against Barking. Certain areas of the pitch resembled a muddy morass and continued heavy rain meant that groundsman Jock Sheppard was unable to work on the surface.

Wycombe are understandably anxious not to ruin the pitch four days before

their cup tie against Bournemouth, while the players would not object to a breather. But it will be up to the referee as to whether the pitch is suitable for play.

Aylesbury are at present fourth in the Southern League South Division, and having last season ended runners-up, are tipped as possible champions this time around.

Having had three matches with Barnet for the chance to meet Minehead in the F.A. Cup first round before falling to a last minute goal in the second replay, Aylesbury have games in hand in the league.

The player who has grabbed all the headlines has been Billy Holmes, who for the first part of last season was a regular first choice striker with Brentford. He has scored 13 league goals this season which has given the 800 or so regulars at Turnfurlong Lane something to cheer about.

Aylesbury did not play on Saturday, but Mick Martin and Kevin Tilley are doubtful starters having received injuries in the final Barnet match last midweek.

BERGER ISTHMIAN LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Enfield	22	11	8	3	47	28	41
Dagenham	23	10	8	5	48	33	38
Bromley	19	10	5	4	37	24	35
Slough	17	9	6	2	24	14	33
Wycombe	21	9	6	6	33	26	33
Sutton	18	8	7	3	34	27	31
Harrow B	21	8	5	8	36	27	29
Dulwich	20	7	8	5	31	27	29
*Barking	23	8	5	10	33	43	27
Leistonstone	17	7	4	6	33	30	25
Woking	21	7	3	11	25	34	24
Walthamstow	18	7	3	8	19	29	24
Staines	20	6	5	9	23	30	23
Tooting	21	6	5	10	23	30	23
Harlow	19	5	7	7	24	29	22
Hayes	17	6	4	7	13	20	22
Carshalton	18	7	1	10	26	36	22
Hitchin	17	5	5	7	22	20	20
Hendon	18	5	5	8	22	25	20
Boreham	17	4	7	6	22	31	19
Leatherhead	23	3	10	10	16	26	19
Croydon	18	3	9	6	15	18	18

*2 points deducted.

Matches off

THE weather claimed its first victims of the season on Sunday when three senior games were postponed.

Flackwell Heath's top of the table clash with Moreth Cold Shield Hellenic League was called off during the morning because of a waterlogged pitch. That in itself was an unusual occurrence for the well drained Wilks Park ground.

The rain also got the better of the Alfred Davis Memorial Ground where Marlow were due to entertain Welling in the Athenian League.

Wycombe Wanderers Reserves' Suburban League South Division match at Addlestone was also called off during the morning.